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of Rs. 1,42,696 excess travelling allowance and Rs. 8,318 passage money due from the Armed Police, write off this amount and resume grants unconditionally?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"In this particular instance of Harijan hostels, audit becomes necessary when there is expenditure which is not justified. But as far as possible a liberal policy will be followed in this matter also. I may inform the hon. Member that the hostel was closed on 1st April 1952."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" മലബാറിലെ സാധു വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു ഈ ബോഡിങ്ങ് വളരെ സഹായമായതുകൊണ്ട് കൂടുതൽ ധനസഹായം ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു അതിനെ സഹായിക്കുമോ ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is putting a general question."

Expenditure incurred in connexion with the visit of Admiral Wright.

* 136 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total amount of money spent by the Government in connexion with the visit of Admiral Wright and his men who were in Madras from 4th to 9th February 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No expenditure was in fact incurred by the State Government in connexion with the visit of Admiral Wright. But I trust it is not intended to object to international courtesy or reduce the graces thereof."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether Admiral Wright had any talks with the Chief Minister of a political or military nature regarding the Middle East Defence Organization and may I know whether the Chief Minister gave such kind of reception as given to Admiral Wright to the Soviet delegates who came in a ship to Madras bringing food with them for the people in the Rayalaseema famine areas? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not allow the first part of the question, namely, the private talk Admiral Wright had with the Chief Minister. That does not come as a supplementary question to this question. I allow the second part, namely, the nature of reception given to him."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" These courtesies depend on the time, the occasion and also the business, other business with which the Chief Minister is concerned at the time. There was no discourtesy or want of courtesy shown to either of the two bodies referred to."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" **Admiral Wright** ను ధర్శనము చేసుకోడానికి వారు **Chief Minister** హోదాలో వెళ్ళారా లేక వ్యక్తిగతంగా వెళ్ళారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Admiral Wright was the representative of the Government of the United States. In the other case, it was a private affair. It was not a Government affair."

Scales of pay of the staff in the Revenue Department.

* 137 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased—

(*a*) to place a copy of the scales of pay of the staff in the Revenue Department in the districts as revised in 1930 and 1947; and

(*b*) to state the reasons for keeping the maximum pay of attenders in 1947 as it was previously?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Finance) :—" (*a*) There was a general revision of scales of pay of the various services, including those of the Revenue Department, in 1933 but not in 1930. The scales of pay of non-gazetted staff in the Revenue Department in the districts as revised in 1933 and 1947 are given in the statement [a] separately placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) The scale of pay of attenders before 1947 was Rs. 19—2/2—25—½—30. In 1947, a revised scale of Rs. 24—1—32—½ (A)—35 was fixed. The maximum of the scale of pay for attenders was therefore not kept as it was previously when scales of pay of all non-gazetted services were revised in 1947, but was raised by Rs. 5 per mensem."

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" అయ్యా, దీంట్లో అనగా 1947 లో revise చేసినటువంటి scales లో 32 రూపాయల తరువాత 35 రూపాయలవరకు అర్ధరూపాయ annual increment అనేటటువంటిది ఉన్నది. కాని ఆవిధంగా 35 రూపాయలు maximum అందుకొన్నటువంటి attenders మన రాష్ట్రములో ఎంతమంది ఉన్నారో చెప్పగలరా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member must put a separate question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member must know that the Minister for Industries is answering on behalf of the Minister for Finance."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఇక్కడ attenders కు 35 రూపాయలవరకు మాత్రము జీత మున్నదని సెలవిస్తున్నారు. ఈ 35 రూపాయలలో కనీసము ఒక కుటుంబము జీవించడానికి అవకాశమున్నదని మంత్రులు నమ్ముతున్నారా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid I cannot give an opinion. The scale of pay fixed for all attenders by the Government is the same."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 228–229 infra.